availability of cheap labour and proximity to consuming centres, all these are factors which are favourable to the growth of the textile industry in the State. Criticism has also been levelled on the ground that this industry has been started by foreigners. I want to make it perfectly plain that Government are not prepared to treat Indian business men coming from any part of India into the State as foreigners in any sense of the term. Cochin is too small a State to consider itself as a selfcontained unit and any invidious treatment meted out to non-Cochinites will react very unfavourably on the interests of His Highness' subjects. The practice of the Government in confining the recruitment to the public service to bona fide Cochinites has already had serious repercussions outside the State in that Cochinites are denied admission to any appointment outside Cochin. Apart from the number of Cochin subjects who hold many posts of responsibility both in Government and in private enterprise outside the State, there are a great many Cochinites who are carrying on trade outside the State. Any talk of treating outsiders as foreigners in the State will have serious repercussions on the business carried on by Cochinites themselves. Government will not therefore countenance any move intended to discourage or penalise the enterprise of Indians from any part of the country. Apart from these general observations which I thought it necessary to make with a view to clear up the position of the Government it should not be forgotten that the Cochin Textiles and the Power Corporation are not foreign companies in any sense of the term. These two companies have been registered under the Cochin Companies Regulation and have Cochinites amongst the shareholders and also on the directorate. Government will encourage all such enterprises by whomsoever they may be initiated provided they are proved to be sound and in the interests of the economic development of the State.

Waterway Communications.

11. Government have recently begun to devote greater attention to the development of the water way communications in the State. Representations have already been made to me about the need for the improvement of some of the water ways and for the opening of certain new ones. Investigations have already been started for the opening up of the Appanghat Canal at Narakkal and for connecting Irinjalakkuda with the backwaters. The scheme for improving the water way communication between Trichur and Ernakulam will be further

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taken up. The proposal for the opening up of a canal connecting Kunnamkulam with the Conolly canal has unfortunately been turned down by the Madras Government. As a result of representations recently made to me at Kunnamkulam Government propose to reconsider this matter. Provision has been made in the budget for the taking on hand of some of these schemes almost immediately.

Work of Advisory Committees.

12. The experiment of associating Advisory Committees of this House with the administration of the various departments is already proving successful. The four committees that were set up by this House have each held one meeting so far. In addition to the many proposals made by the members of these committees Government placed for consideration of these committees many schemes and proposals. Altogether 70 resolutions were passed by the four committees. Of these resolutions 35 have been accepted by Government and 26 resolutions are still pending consideration of Government. Government were so far unable to accept only 9 of these resolutions. This is the surest proof of the influence that the deliberations of these committees have upon the day to day administration of Government. It is hoped that as the committees themselves gain more experience they would become more useful partners with the Government in the administration of the State. The responsiveness of Government to Public opinion is again indicated by the measures adopted in response to resolutions passed by this House about the grievances of the arecanut growers. It was as a result of a resolution of this House that Regulation I of 1110 was repealed and this measure has been followed up by the decision of Government to give licenses for the opening of more arecanut markets at different convenient centres in the State. During the many discussions that were held in this House on this subject it was urged by almost every non-official Member that the licensing of more markets would set up the forces of competition and thereby enable the arecanut growers to secure better prices for their commodities. Government have been impressed with the arguments advanced in support of this contention and a decision has already been taken to license more markets from the beginning of Chingom 1112. I hope that this facility will go a long way in helping arecanut growers.

Recruitment to Public Services.

13. There is one other subject which has been brought

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